



*Celebrating the Life of*  
*Myrie Forbes-Townsend*

Sunrise  
January 1, 1947

Sunset  
September 8, 2023

Friday, October 6, 2023 - 9:00am

**St. Anthony Baptist Church**

425 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11213

Rev. Lennox Townsend

& Pastor Dameon Battick, Officiating

David Sayles, Organist

## *Order of Service*

**Musical Prelude**..... "Isn't She Lovely" (Stevie Wonder)

**Word of Comfort**

**Prayer**.....Pastor Dameon Battick

**Welcome Hymn**....."Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"

Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
There a precious fountain;  
Free to all, a healing stream,  
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
Love and mercy found me;  
There the Bright and Morning Star  
Shed His beams around me.  
[Refrain]

[Refrain]  
In the cross, in the cross  
Be my glory ever,  
Till my ransomed soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.

Near the cross! O lamb of God,  
Bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day  
With its shadow o'er me. [Refrain]

Near the cross! I'll watch and wait,  
Hoping, trusting ever;  
Till I reach the golden strand,  
Just beyond the river. [Refrain]

### **Tributes:**

1. Solo: Emanuel Lorenzo Blake (Nephew)
2. Rihanna Bent (Granddaughter)
3. Debria Adrian (Granddaughter)
4. Dawn Williams (Niece)
5. Remembrance: Michelle Byrd (Niece)

**Slideshow**..... Memories of Myrie Forbes-Townsend

**Eulogy**.....Donna Gayle (Niece)

### **Scripture Readings**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11..... Rohanna Bent (Granddaughter)  
Revelation 21:1-7.....Samir Robinson (Great Grandson)

**Solo**..... Jennifer Samuda (Cousin-in-law)

**Sermon**.....Rev. Lennox Townsend

## Hymn....."Old Rugged Cross"

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest  
and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

### Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross,  
so despised by the world,  
has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God left his  
glory above to bear it to dark Calvary.  
[Refrain]

In that old rugged cross, stained with  
blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I  
see, for 'twas on that old cross Jesus  
suffered and died, to pardon and  
sanctify me. [Refrain]

To that old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame  
and reproach gladly bear; then he'll call me some day  
to my home far away, where his glory forever I'll  
share. [Refrain]

## Prayer for the Family..... Pastor Dameon Battick

## Vote of Thanks..... Judith Townsend

## Recessional Hymn..... "I'll Fly Away"

Some glad morning  
when this life is o'er,  
I'll fly away;  
To a home on God's celestial shore,  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

### [Refrain]

I'll fly away, Oh Glory  
I'll fly away; (in the morning)  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by,  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

When the shadows  
of this life have gone,  
I'll fly away;  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)  
[Refrain]

Just a few more weary days and then,  
I'll fly away;  
To a land where joy shall never end,  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)

## INTERMENT..... THE EVERGREENS CEMETERY BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

## Hymn..... "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"

## Act of Committal

## Choruses..... "Meet Me By the River", "Some Sweet Day" "No Grave Can Hold My Body Down" & "If You Miss Me"

## Prayer & Benediction



## *Obituary*

**Myrie Forbes** was born on January 1, 1947, to the union of Stanford and Rebertha Forbes in Manchester Jamaica. Myrie accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Harry Watch Seventh Day Adventist Church, where her parents were devoted members. At a tender age she moved to live with her Aunt Iris in the same parish, where she attended Devon All Age School.

After graduating from Devon All Age, Myrie went on to continue her studies and was successful in achieving all nine subjects in her JSC examination. Myrie was employed at Waterloo Postal Agency as a postmistress for several years. Myrie met the love of her life and long-time companion, Erine Townsend (now deceased) whom she married in 1969. This union produced two daughters, Careen and Debbie. Prior to her marriage, Myrie gave birth to her first born Maurcia followed by Collie (Tom) and Desmond (Junior).

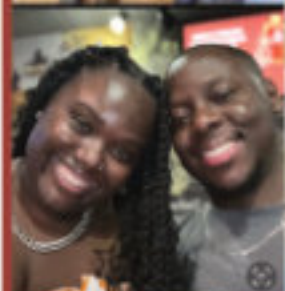
Myrie migrated to the United States on September 30, 1996, and resided in Hartford, Connecticut for a short while. She then moved to Brooklyn, NY where she spent the rest of her life working as a Personal Assistant for several years. She retired in March of 2020, following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Myrie Forbes departed this life on Friday, September 8, 2023, after a very short illness. Myrie was not only a mother to her five children, but she assisted in nurturing and guiding Kevin, Kadian and Sophia. She leaves to cherish her memory: her five beautiful children, Maurcia, Collie (Tom), Desmond (Junior), Careen, Debbie and her stepson, David Townsend; sixteen grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; three sisters, Relda Blake, Rennette Tibby and Bevolin Mitchell; one brother, Glansy Forbes; nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

*May her soul rest in eternal peace.*











# *Pallbearers*

*(Grandsons)*

Garneth Robinson  
Kevoy Cunningham  
Troy Cunningham  
DeCharie Wong  
Jermaine Swaby  
Jovan Swaby



## *Acknowledgement*

*With sincere appreciation, Maurcia, Collie (Tom), Desmond (Junior), Careen, Debbie and stepson David (Children) of the late*

*Mrs. Myrie Forbes Townsend*

*would like to acknowledge the comforting messages, prayers, phone calls and countless expressions of kindness during this time of bereavement.*

*May God continue to bless you all.*

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